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REMARKS

Please reconsider the above-captioned application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Amendment to Title

The minor change in the title of the application is made to increase clarity.

Allowable Claims Rewritten

The Examiner objected to Claims 36-59, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten these claims as suggested. Of these claims, Claims 36, 44 and 52 have been rewritten into independent form. Claims 37-43, 45-51 and 53-59 depend from these now-allowable claims, and are also in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected Claims 19-30. In order to speed allowance in this case, Applicant has cancelled Claim 19, and made amendments to the dependency of many of these claims so that Claims 2-30 now depend from allowable Claim 36. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims directed to the rejected and cancelled subject matter in future applications.

Withdrawn Claims

Claims 31-35 and 64-81 were withdrawn as not being directed to Applicant's elected species. Certain of these claims have been amended so that all of these claims currently depend from now-allowable Claim 36. Applicant respectfully requests that these claims be reinstated into the application, and contends that they are currently in condition for allowance.

New Claims

Applicant has added new Claims 111-117 to more thoroughly recite subject matter that Applicant considers to be part of the invention. Each of these new claims depends from allowed Claim 106 and recites further patentable subject matter. Applicant contends that these claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

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The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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